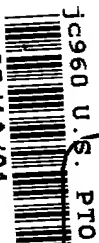


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Attorney Docket No. MI22-1777

First Inventor Mark Fischer

Title Semiconductor Processing Methods of Forming a Conductive  
Projection and Methods of Increasing Alignment Tolerances

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
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  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
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  - Brief Summary of the Invention
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  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
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9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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Group Art Unit 1765

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**SUBSTITUTE DRAWING REQUEST**

Please enter the enclosed substitute drawings in the above-referenced application  
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Acknowledgment of receipt of the formal drawings and their acceptance into the file  
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Respectfully submitted,

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